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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 28, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 46 and 117 as follows:

- 46. (Five Times Amended) A kit for performing the method of claim 22, the kit comprising:
- a. a first antibody, wherein said first antibody is a specific monoclonal antibody or antibody fragment directed against a second antibody or antibody fragment, said first antibody coating a paramagnetic particle or bead without removing its antigen-binding ability;
 - b. a paramagnetic particle or bead; and

